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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

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The following is in response to the Office Action dated 3 June 2004 from  
Examiner Robin Octavia Evans of Art Unit 3742.

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**STATUS**

Claims 1-20 are pending in the patent application.

Claim 12 has been rejected under 35 USC 112.

Claims 1-8 and 11-20 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b).

Claims 9 and 10 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a).

**EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND**

Applicant encloses a separate Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) of an additional two (2) months to respond to the Office Action of 3 June 2004, extending the deadline to respond to 3 November 2004. The required fee of \$215.00 for a small entity is enclosed on a separate PTO-2038.

**ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE**

The original patent application comprised 20 total claims and 3 independent claims. The amendments presented in this response resulted in the cancellation of 2 dependent claims, and the addition of 2 claims, one of which is independent. The additional claims fee of \$44.00 for the 4<sup>th</sup> independent claim for a small entity is enclosed on the separate PTO-2038.